

In 1984, John Walsh cofounded the private, nonprofit National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, NCMEC. This center serves as a focal point in providing assistance to parents, children, law enforcement, schools, and communities in recovering missing children and raising public awareness about ways to help prevent child abduction, molestation, and sexual exploitation. NCMEC has worked on more than 73,000 cases of missing and exploited children, helped recover more than 48,000 children, and raised its recovery rate from 60 percent in the 1980s to 91 percent today.

I truly enjoyed talking to Sheriff James Kelley about the work being done by both NCMEC and his own police force in Louisiana. While I have worked closely with and seen the success of the many excellent Alabama law enforcement officers, I am glad to hear of the fine work of these officers.

On behalf of my colleagues in the Senate, it is an honor to recognize them for their exemplary service.●

TRIBUTE TO ZOE COPE

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Zoe Cope, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Zoe is a native of Aberdeen and a graduate of Roncalli High School. Currently, she is attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she is pursuing a degree in architecture. She is a very hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Zoe for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO GARRETT DEVRIES

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Garrett DeVries, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Garrett is a graduate of Canistota High School in Canistota, SD. Currently, he is attending the University of South Dakota where he is majoring in political science and history. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Garrett for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS FALK

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Nicholas Falk, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Nick is a native of Aberdeen and a graduate of Roncalli High School. Currently, he is attending the University of South Dakota where he is majoring in history and political science. He is a very hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Nick for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO TRAVIS FITZKE

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Travis Fitzke, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past couple months.

Travis is a graduate of T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre, SD. Currently, he is attending the North Dakota State University where he is majoring in biology. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Travis for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO BLAKE GUNDERSON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Blake Gunderson, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past couple months.

Blake is a graduate of Central Dakota Valley High School in North Sioux City, SD. Currently, he is attending the University of South Dakota where he is majoring in business administration. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Blake for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KYLE HANSON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Kyle Hanson, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Kyle graduated from South Dakota State University with a major in communication studies. In the fall, he will be attending law school at the University of South Dakota. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kyle for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KAMARIA IVERSEN

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Kamaria Iversen, an intern

in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past couple months.

Kamaria is a graduate of Jones County High School in Murdo, SD. Currently, she is attending South Dakota State University where she is majoring in consumer affairs. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kamaria for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO GRACE KESSLER

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Grace Kessler, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Grace is a graduate of Roncalli High School in Aberdeen, SD. Currently, she is attending Hillsdale College where she is majoring in politics. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Grace for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTEN LEEDOM

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Christen Leedom, an intern in my Sioux Falls, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Christen is a graduate of O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls, SD. This fall, she will attend the University of South Dakota Law School. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Christen for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ZACH NEUBERT

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Zach Neubert, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Zach is a native of Aberdeen and a graduate of Central High School. Currently, he is attending the Northern State University where he is studying history and political science. He is a very hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Zach for all of the fine